

Citizen Diplomacy Challenge

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Overview

Did you participate in the Fulbright Program, the Gilman Scholarship Program, the Critical Language Scholarship, or another exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government? Was it an unforgettable, life-changing experience?

If so, the Department of State is now challenging YOU to play a role in encouraging more Americans to take advantage of these types of opportunities. Whether you are a student, a teacher, an artist, or a professional, you have a story to tell about how international experiences have changed you or your community for the better. It's time share that story and inspire other Americans to go abroad!

Prizes

Grand Prize

All-expenses paid trip to Washington, DC for exclusive professional development opportunities and events.

Second Place

Congratulatory call or video message from a relevant high-level U.S. official or prominent alumnus/na.

Third Place

Gift bag containing State Department and exchange program materials (t-shirt, mug, water bottle, etc.)

ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THE CHALLENGE?

This year, we are offering three ways to participate. You can choose your favorite or participate in all three!

Instagram Photo and Caption Challenge

1

Upload your most inspirational original study abroad photo that showcases the value of international exchange to Instagram. The photo caption should finish this sentence: '#StudyAbroadBecause _____.'

Share your Story Challenge

2

Write your study abroad story! Share a brief, compelling personal narrative that demonstrates the benefits of international exchange and would inspire more people to go abroad.

Back to School Challenge

3

Go "back to school" in order to give presentations to students on what participating in an exchange program meant to you and share information about relevant U.S. government-sponsored exchange opportunities.



All three challenges close at
noon EDT on November 18, 2016